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PRELIMINARY ACCIDENT REPORT

- 1. Accident type:** Fatal Injury
- 2. Accident classification:** Slip or Fall of Person
- 3. Date/Time of accident:** August 10, 2007/10:43 a.m.
- 4. Mining Company Name:** Gibson County Coal, LLC
- 5. Mine Name:** Gibson Mine
- 6. Mine Location:** *CITY:* Princeton *COUNTY:* Gibson *STATE:* Indiana
- 7. Primary mineral mined:** Bituminous coal underground mining
- 8. Contractor Name:** Frontier-Kemper Constructors, Inc.
- 9. Contractor Address:** *CITY:* Evansville *COUNTY:* Vanderburg *STATE:* Indiana
- 10. Victim(s) Information:**
 1. Name: Todd Richardson
Age: 38, DOB: 04/15/1969
Job Title: Mining Operations Manager
Activity at time of accident: Touring Mine Shaft Construction
Contractor employee: Yes
Years of experience: 15
 2. Name: Jarred Ashmore
Age: 23, DOB: 08/26/83
Job Title: Project Engineer
Activity at time of accident: Touring Mine Shaft Construction
Contractor employee: Yes
Years of experience: 1 year, 2 months
 3. Name: Dan McFadden
Age: 66, DOB: 09/03/1940
Job Title: Retiree
Activity at time of accident: Touring Mine Shaft Construction
Years of experience: 30

Description of the Accident: At approximately 10:43 am on August 10, 2007, three persons were fatally injured at the Gibson County Coal, LLC, Gibson Mine shaft sinking project. Five independent contract employees were working in the shaft bottom area, but were not injured.

Two of the victims were management employees of the shaft sinking contractor, Frontier-Kemper Constructors, Inc. The third victim was identified as a retiree of the same independent contractor. The victims were being lowered into the shaft in a sinking or mucking bucket, when the bucket tipped, causing the victims to fall down the shaft. The shaft is approximately 575 feet in depth and has intersected the Springfield #5 coal seam, but has not yet been connected to the existing underground workings.

Note:

This report was prepared by the Indiana Department of Labor, Bureau of Mines and Mine Safety and with the coordinated efforts of MSHA and the State of Indiana.

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